



## Matthew's Restaurant welcomes jazz great Ronchi Matthews to Aruba!

The weekend of the first Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was in full swing on Friday night with the appearance of one of the many jazz greats that have traveled to Aruba for the event. Stefan Leggers, owner of Matthew's Restaurant in the Casa Del Mar Resort, was proud to welcome the Ronchi Matthews' Jazz Band for dinner and improv, one of many special appearances by guest musicians at various venues around the island over the week.

Ronchi and his crew, Dean on sax, Vernon on the conga drums, Uti the bass player, Igor on trumpet and Ernie the percussionist enjoyed a gourmet meal and then provided an evening of great music for the many that came to listen to one of the most impressive jazz keyboardists in the Caribbean. As Matthew's is a seaside restaurant, the gentle lapping of the waves made a perfect accompaniment to such jazz classics as "The Girl from Impanema," as did the al fresco surrounding of the eatery.

Ronchi Matthews was center stage Saturday night on the huge outdoor "Tuinpaviljoen" for the first night of the festival, and tonight jazz icons Sergio Jansen, Randal Corsen, and Praful will perform, with a tribute to Stevie Wonder by Aruban band Jemm with guest singer Claudius Phillips. In the auditorium will be Soul Cowboy and Delbert Bernabela. Tickets to the final night to this great weekend of music are still available at the gate for only \$32. Additionally performing in the "Jazz Garden" will be Johnny Scharbaay, Ivan Jansen and Jean-Jacque Rojer. Performances begin at 6:30 and will continue until well after midnight, with meals and beverages available for purchase. Start or end your stay in Aruba with a memorable evening of great music, food, and fun at the Cas di Cultura tonight!